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**DRAFT Minutes of the
Park-Euclid Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting – 22nd meeting**

February 18, 2004, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
State of Arizona Regional Office Complex
400 W. Congress, North Building, Conference Room 158,
Tucson, Arizona

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CAB Members Present: Don Davis, Richard Byrd, Freya Eddy, Nadine Gruhn, Mark Marikos, Jacky Turchick, Steven Turner, Jonathan Salvatierra, Mario Villarreal

CAB Members Absent Keith Bagwell, Josefina Zapata

ADEQ Staff Present: Matt Doolen, Project Manager; Eileen Palese, Community Involvement Coordinator

Members of the Public Present: Robert Arnold, Joe Drazek, Waseem A. Khan, Britt Callahan, Brian Blank

The meeting began at 6:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Co-chair Don Davis conducted introductions of the CAB and public participants.

2. Approval of Minutes for 8/27/03 and 11/19/03

Mark Marikos motioned to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2003, and the November 19, 2003 CAB meetings. The CAB voted all in favor; none opposed. Eileen Palese pointed out a typo in the header of the November 19th minutes and another one was pointed out in 2. Approval of Minutes for 8/27/03. She said she would make these corrections for the file.

3. Vote to Accept Resignation of CAB Member: Eylon Shamir

Don Davis read a letter of resignation from the board from Eylon Shamir, who has moved away from Tucson to a new position in California. Jacky Turchick motioned to accept Eylon Shamir's resignation; Mario Villarreal seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. Jacky Turchick suggested ADEQ send Eylon Shamir a thank you letter for his board participation. Eileen Palese said she would prepare and mail a letter from the CAB.

4. Site Investigation Update plus Q & A

Matt Doolen used overheads to illustrate recent sampling data. He pointed out on a map of the PCE plume that there were no significant changes in the shallow aquifer. He said two segregated plumes still exist; one associated with the Park Euclid WQARF site and one north of Broadway associated with former dry cleaning operations at another laundry. He said no significant change took place in the configuration of those plumes.

He said that this recent data is helpful because one concern about building Basin One, part of the Arroyo Chico Multi-Use Project in and around the WQARF site, was that the location of the basin would be over the contamination plume in the shallow aquifer. ADEQ recommended to the U.S. Army Corps that it was important to keep the hydrologic balance to help maintain the plume configuration south of the Arroyo Chico Wash. He said that the CAB was instrumental in bringing this concern to their attention. The Army Corps then reconfigured the design to keep the natural infiltration in place. He said ADEQ's monitor wells, with the exception of two wells inside the Basin 1 location, will remain in place after the construction, which was an additional concern.

Matt Doolen reported that there was also no significant change in sampling data from the regional aquifer and from the most recently installed wells near Broadway. ADEQ continues to monitor the University of Arizona (UA) wells. No volatile organic compounds are showing up, but they are continuing to see PCE in the UAM-2 central monitor well during monthly monitoring. He said the UA is considering installing a new production well on campus. He said he has been working with the Arizona Department of Water Resources and the university to be sure this well would not adversely impact the plume of contamination.

Mark Marikos said that the permits have been received and drilling will begin March 8. He said that UA agreed to limit the production on the well to prevent any movement of the plume and they will watch for any changes in the UAM-2 well or in any of the other sentinel wells. He said there were also provisions to prevent downward migration of contamination; the casing and screening intervals will be determined after data is collected. He said the Martin Street well has been retired and plans are to turn it into a monitoring well. If the plume is remediated in the future, this well might be rehabilitated, but it would be very expensive due to the risk involved with contamination in the area of the university.

Matt Doolen said that soil flux measurements were recently performed at the Mission Linen facility both inside and outside of the building using a specialized isolation chamber. He said they do not have good information on how the gas might be moving out of the soil. He does not see that as a problem because the soil gas data that Mission Linen collected did not show high concentrations outside of the area where the dry cleaning actually took place. He said the main concern from a risk perspective is that vapors can come through the soil, through cracks in the foundation of the facility, and then into the structure, and these vapors can accumulate over time. He said this test will tell the components of what is in the soil gas. He said it will take a few months before results are available. He said the Environmental Protection Agency has just issued a draft guidance for the methods of performing and evaluating this type of work in areas like Mission Linen.

He said this soil vapor testing will become part of the draft Remedial Investigation (RI) report, which he hopes to complete by May of this year. The other component will be the Land and Water Use Study which describes properties and groundwater wells that might be impacted by soil contamination and groundwater contamination. He said that once the draft RI is released, there

will be a 45 to 90 day comment period and a public meeting will be held to present the documents. He said there should be no surprises because the RI will be a compilation of all of the data collected and presented to the CAB. After that, the next step will be to determine the Remedial Objectives for the site.

CAB members asked questions about what they should consider when commenting on the RI. Don Davis suggested that the CAB discuss what other CAB members have been concerned about and what type of input is needed.

5. Update on the Arroyo Chico Multi-Use Project Plan

Richard Byrd, with the City of Tucson, reported on recent activities. He said the Army Corps of Engineers has been funded for the project and is still working out the Inter Governmental Agreements with City of Tucson, Pima County and Tucson Unified School District (TUSD). He said the construction of Basin 5 is still being discussed with TUSD. He said that when the Corps is close to 95% completion of the draft documents, they will be presented to the public. He gave assurances that all of the points that the Citizen's Advisory Committee and the CAB asked for have been addressed. He said consultants will proceed with soil basin testing in April to test for any volatile organic compounds in the area. He said data may show some indication of soil gas associated with the plume. He discussed lateral percolation and the difficulty and cost of this operation, which will not be done at the project. He said the city is considering transferring ownership of city wells to the state.

Jacky Turchick said that the last time the CAB met, the board discussed replying to the Corps about the presentation to the CAB [by the City of Tucson.] She read a letter she drafted.

The CAB discussed what the letter should contain and agreed that Don Davis and Jacky Turchick should write the letter, to be signed by the CAB co-chairs, and then mailed to the Corps by ADEQ, with copies also mailed to all interested parties.

6. Call to the Public

Joe Drazek said early discussion by the state legislature has begun on WQARF funding. He said the lawmakers are also looking at other funding sources for the WQARF programs such as diverting funds from other environmental programs. The CAB discussed how its involvement possibly helped retain some of the WQARF funding allocation. Joe Drazek said that ADEQ is now able to go out and promote the program, where previously the agency was directed not to.

7. CAB Outreach Reports

CAB member discussed their outreach through neighborhood newsletters.

8. Other Administrative Business

The CAB discussed their membership numbers, which are down to 11 members. Don Davis suggested the CAB might begin to think about new candidates. He suggested that if CAB members speak to someone who shows interest, they should encourage them to apply. He suggested inviting people who show interest in the meetings. The CAB suggested Matt Doolen contact Ira Haskell, Fletcher Haskell's brother, to see if he would be interested, as a former owner of the facility on Park, in joining the CAB. Matt Doolen said he would contact him. The CAB discussed other possible members, such as contacting the Park Avenue Merchants Association.

9. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Discussion

The next meeting of the Park-Euclid Community Advisory Board will be Wednesday, May 19, 2004. It will be held at the State of Arizona Office Complex, 400 West Congress, North Building, Room 158, Tucson, Arizona. Call Eileen Palese, ADEQ Community Involvement Coordinator, at (520) 628-6712 for more information.

10. Adjournment

Adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

This meeting was recorded on cassette tapes as a record of the proceedings. To listen to the tape(s) or for additional documents mentioned in these minutes, contact ADEQ's Southern Regional Office, Community Involvement Office, 520/628-6712.

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